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SUBJECT: TURKISH AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS ON SOVIET CYPRUS POLICY

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1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR TURKMEN CALLED ON ME
JUNE 9. I ASKED HIM ABOUT THE SOVIETS' CURRENT
ATTITUDES TOWARD CYPRUS AND WHETHER THERE WAS ANY
TRUTH TO A RUMOR THAT MOSCOW HAD WARNED THAT
MOVEMENT TOWARD DISSOLUTION OF THE CYPRIOT STATE
WOULD PROVOKE A SOVIET REACTION.

2. TURKMEN SAID THE SOVIETS HAVE MADE NO RECENT
APPROACHES TO THE TURKISH EMBASSY HERE ABOUT
CYPRUS, AND HE KNEW OF NO DEMARCHES IN ANKARA
OR ELSEWHERE. HE SAID THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN
"GENERALLY VERY QUIET" ABOUT CYPRUS, ALTHOUGH THE
TUKS EXPECT TO HEAR "SOMETHIN" ABOUT THE
WEEKEND'S TURKISH-CYPRIOT REFERENDUM. WHEN I
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ASKED ABOUT THE SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD THE RECENT

ROUND OF TALKS IN VIENNA, TURKMEN SAID THE SOVIET APPROACH APPEARS "PRETTY MILD." THE SOVIETS, HE ADDED, HAVE NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM WITH THESE EFFORTS TOWARD A SETTLEMENT IF THE UN IS INVOLVED AND THE PROCESS IS NOT AN EXCLUSIVE NATO AFFAIR.

3. COMMENT: AMDASSADOR TURKMEN'S ASSESSMENT OF THE SOVIET ATTITUDES TOWARD THE RECENT DENKTASH-CLERIDES NEGOTIATIONS IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR OWN VIEW THAT MOSCOW VIEWS THE VIENNA TALKS AS MINIMALLY ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE OF THE UN UMBRELLA. IN THIS REGARD, ALTHOUGH THE PRESS (PRAVDA JUNE 6) REPORTED RESUMPTION OF THE VIENNA TALKS IN THE LOWEST OF KEYS, PRAVDA'S JUNE 9 WRAP-UP STRESSED THE UNSYG'S "ACTIVE PARTICIPATION" IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND CITED WALDHEIM'S ASSESSMENT THAT CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES WERE ELIMINATED.
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